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Progress on the Plan

- Received award from the JEHT foundation of \$4.6 million in January 2007
- Established a **team of Mental Health/Substance Specialists** at KDOC and Kansas Social Rehabilitation Services to implement a plan regarding offenders with mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse needs
- Established **two Housing Specialists at Kansas Housing Resources Corporation** to implement the housing plan
- Established specialized reentry coordinators, counselors, and Job/Cognitive **specialists at five facilities**
- Established **liaisons in two of the largest community mental health centers** (Wichita and Kansas City)
- Established a multi-disciplinary team to develop detailed plan
- Participated in a tri-state (MO, KS, MI) case management seminar in Kansas City; developed a **plan for comprehensive case management training; curriculum now being developed**
- Established **specialized parole positions** in Kansas City for mental health caseload, and in Wichita to work with families and volunteers
- Established a **shared Offender Workforce Development Specialist in Reno County**, through shared funding by state and community

corrections and the local workforce development center

Interesting Numbers

- A January 2007 report from the University of Kansas, evaluating the Shawnee County reentry program -- **the first reentry program -- had a 6% return rate** (compared to 14% for non-participants, 25% for starters but non-completers, and 17% for a comparison group returning to a different county).
- A review of intake records at the largest community mental health center (Wichita) found that **12% had been to prison, and 7.4% are under community supervision.**
- In the first quarter of 2007, a reentry specialist addressed **63 pending warrants (detainers)** for offenders nearing release, **resolving 23, and getting specific information about the underlying case in 21 cases.**
- A data match between corrections and child support enforcement found that **25% of offenders in prison and 28% on parole owe child support.**
- **Revocation rates in FY 2007 are 102 per month**, compared to 137 in FY 2006, 178 in FY 2005 and 191 in FY 2004.

Encouraging Developments

- In March 2007, a team of corrections, SRS and health policy staff established a specific strategy to **process general assistance applications for offenders 45 days prior to release.**

- In April 2007, the Wichita Workforce Development Center, Department of Commerce and KDOC began work on a plan to establish an **employer-driven training program for sheet metal workers** at Winfield Correctional Facility.
- In March 2007, Leadership 2000, a non-profit agency in Wyandotte County, contracted with KDOC to **advance reentry work in that county.**

Key Events

- **Legislative Summit** in Lawrence - December 2006
- **KOR³P Retreat** in Topeka - January 2007
- Announcement of **new positions in facilities and parole** - February 2007
- Hired staff in March and April.
- Kansas Reentry Policy Council appointed members to a **Reentry Steering Committee**, which began meeting – March 2007

What's On the Horizon?

- Full KOR³ team meeting in May 2007
- Hiring three Field Skills Developers, and kick-off of case management training
- Hiring an Evaluation Coordinator to refine and implement evaluation plan
- Additional partnerships with employers and workforce development
- Mental health and substance abuse cross-training for specialized staff in June 2007
- Case management training starting July 2007



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